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SUBJECT: General Comments Re: Proposed Revised "Confidential Funds Regs"

✓ General

Suggest that an index be added to facilitate reference to the text. Also each page should be dated.

Page 1

The definition here given of "Confidential Funds" appears to be too limited. "Confidential Funds" should include not only those funds made available by Congress, but all foreign currencies purchased with such funds, and all funds received as interest on deposits, appreciation or gain on exchange, or appreciation of funds in any other manner as a result of the use of funds received from Congress. As presently defined a large portion of funds now held abroad would not be "classified" as "Confidential Funds" and would not technically speaking be subject to these regulations, unless the definition is broadened.

✓ Page 4

Paragraph headed "Budget Review" is not clear.

Paragraph headed "Overt Activities" is ambiguous as written.

3 Page 5

If written in this manner would not the Budget Officer have to be bonded to cover his pecuniary responsibilities under this delegation.

*OK as is* Page 7

Can Executive for Administration designate Certifying Officers, or must it be done by the head of the agency.

*OK as is* Page 9

Are not Agent-Cashiers designated by the Chief Disbursing Officer, U.S. Treasury Department.

7 Page 13

How about the payment of travel expenses of persons "other than employees". Are Career Agents Employees?? Should not Chiefs of field installations be authorized to approve travel on an actual expense basis.

✓ Page 22

The definitions here are not clear. Especially as to what constitute a "Project". The method of allocation is not clear.

Page 23

Not clear what is intended here. Is this authority for chiefs of field stations to hire "employees" or "agents" or both. Seems payments and appropriate actions.

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Page 24

? How will the basic records be kept to enable furnishing of such reports. Will it be assumed that all expenses of Covert projects fall under this class, or just those expenses which are not in accordance with the parts of the instruction mentioned.

Pages 25 & 26

✓ Isn't there a conflict here with other parts of the instruction? Shouldn't some of this authority be delegated to the Chief, Personnel and to the person authorizing travel. Otherwise too much detail will have to go up to the Executive for Adm.

Page 30

? Believe that the wording here should be changed so that it reads "reimbursement ~~of the cost~~ for such travel shall not exceed the rates allowed by Standardized Government Travel Regulations, as amended".

Page 32

? In view of authority given to Assistant Directors to establish projects, it seems they should be able to authorize advances necessary to activate such projects. (See Paragraph 13). This limitation seems inconsistent with other parts of instruction.